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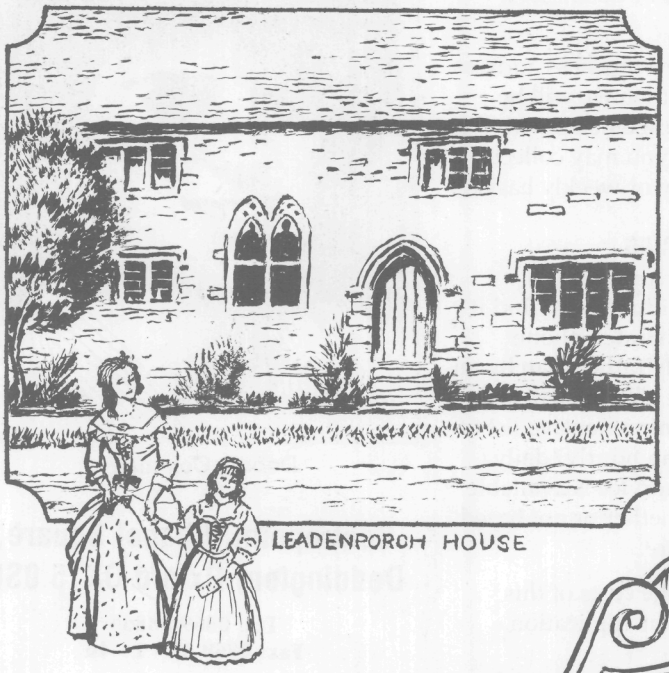
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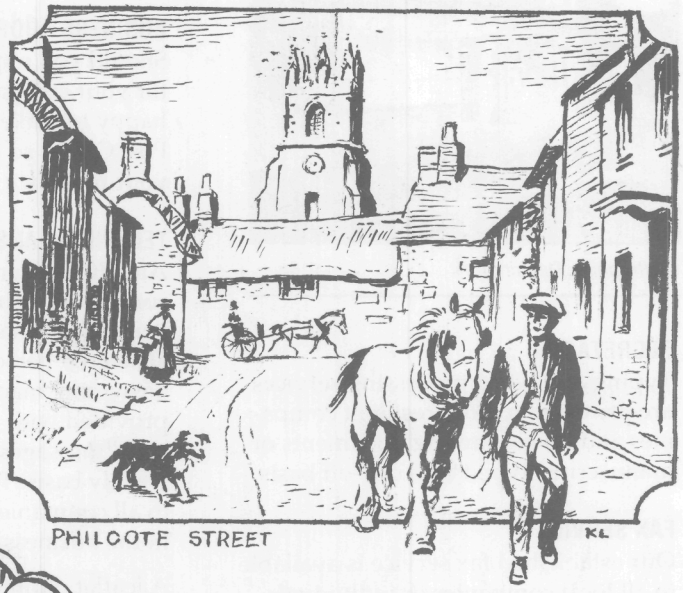

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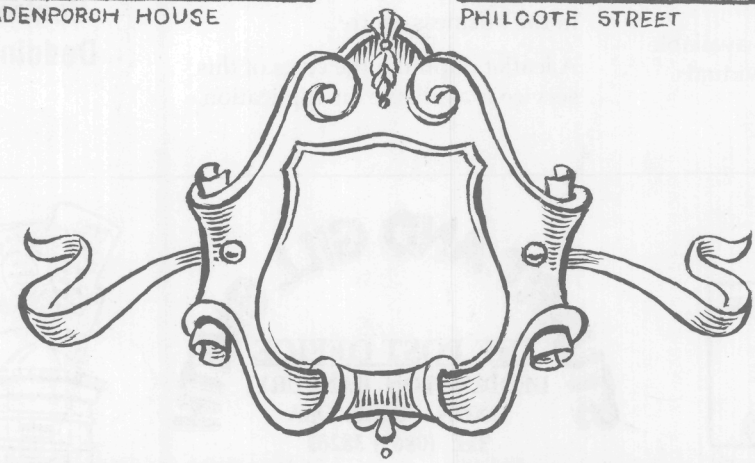

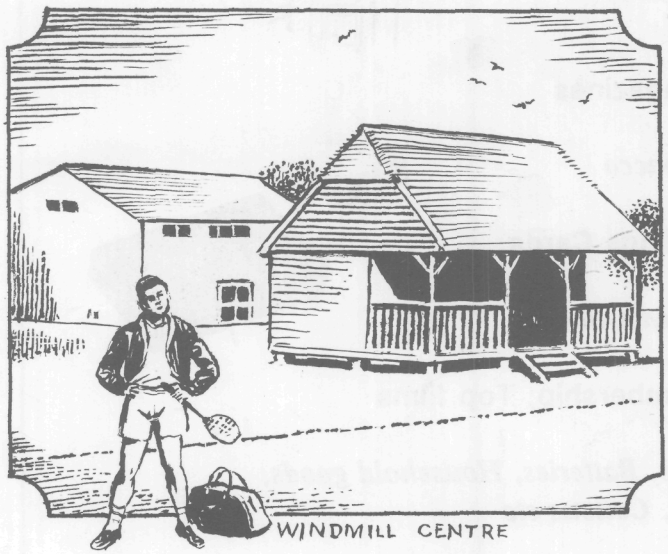
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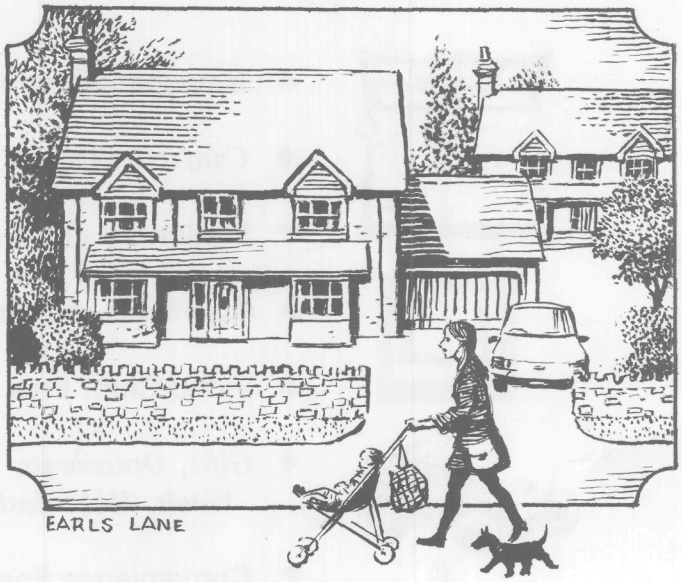
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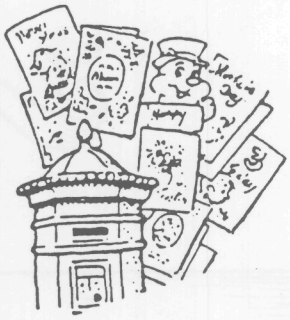

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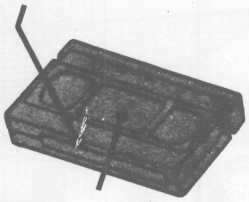

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EDITORIAL

Well, it's really happened.
This is our last issue of The News as editors. From now on we will be readers and, we hope, contributors, but we are no longer in the driving seat. It's been fun (usually), hectic (sometimes) and rewarding (nearly always). We wouldn't have missed the experience for anything - unbeatable as a crash course in getting to know people and learning about our community.
On page 11 we say our thanks (inadequately) for all the help, encouragement and input we've had over the years, and welcome (confidently) our successors, Sylvia Spenceley Nickels and her team.
That's all folks.

ANGELA AND NORMAN STONE

FEBBRUARY DIARY

Sat 5 British Legion: *Night Shift*
Tue 8 WI Meeting, WINDMILL CENTRE, 7.30pm
Wed 9 U3A: Mrs Newman on "Stepping Stones", Windmill Centre, 2.30pm
Th 10 Traidcraft Day, Grove House, High St. Deddington (see page 13)
Sat 12 Thanksgiving Service for Sir Brian Kellett, Parish Church, 2.30pm
12-13 Steeple Aston Village Hall Centenary Year Art Exhibition (see page 12)
Sun 13 Traidcraft Sale, Parish Church, after 10.30am service
Sun 13 Youth Fellowship, Hempton Church Room, 7.30pm (see page 4)
Mon 14 Christian Aid. Talk on Sri Lanka, Wesleyan Church, 8pm (see page 7)
Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm. **NOTE DATE**
Wed 16 Ash Wednesday. Communion in Parish Church, 8pm (see page 4)
Mon 21 Lent House Groups meetings start (details on page 6)
Tue 22 COPY DATE FOR MARCH DEDDINGTON NEWS - NOTE DATE. COPY TO BE SENT TO SYLVIE SPENCELEY NICKELS, 26 THE DAEDINGS. TEL 38995
Wed 23 U3A: Marianne Elsley on "Nursing during the War", Windmill Centre, 2.30pm

MARCH DIARY

Th 3 Banbury Art Society lecture, Marlborough Rd, Banbury. 7.30pm (see page 14).
Sat 5 Deddington Playgroup Cake Stall, Town Hall, 10am.
Tue 8 WI Meeting, Mini-auction, 7.30pm (VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED)
Sat 12 Craft Fair at Deddington School
Tue 22 COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS

APRIL DIARY

Sat 2 British Legion: *Dezine*
Th 7 Banbury Art Society lecture 7.30pm (see page 14)
Wed 13 Deddington Playgroup Fundraising Fashion Show, School, 8pm, £2.50 (p.15)
Sat 16 COAT OF ARMS PRESENTATION AND VILLAGE FAYRE - SEE PAGE 3

MAY DIARY

? Parish Council Elections and Annual Parish Meeting (dates to be confirmed)
20 May-5 June Oxford Art Week Exhibition, Deddington Town Hall

JUNE DIARY

Sat 11 Deddington Playgroup Cake Stall, Town Hall, 10am
Sat 18 Deddington Gardeners visit to Oxford Botanical Gardens (see page 15)

OCTOBER DIARY

22-29 Vicar hopes to lead a party to Jordan and Mt Sinai (see page 4)

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTE OF MEETING, 12 JANUARY, WINDMILL CENTRE

This report is drawn from the Parish Council's own draft minutes. The reason? The PC changed the place without telling us. Consequently your editor waited outside the Town Hall, in the cold, with the Cherwell Council chairman. He hadn't been told either.

MR M O'NEILL'S recent death was regretted. He was a former Parish Councillor with 20 years' service. A letter of condolence and appreciation will be sent to Mrs O'Neill.

MR J SCOTT, whose environmental work has been a great asset to the parish, has now moved to the North of Scotland. A letter of thanks will be sent.

TRAFFIC REFUGE, DEDDINGTON HIGH ST The scheme approved by a majority at November's PC meeting has since been opposed by a member after inspecting the site. The Clerk therefore not instructed the County Council to proceed. His authority for this was questioned and the legalities of the matter will be discussed at Feb's PC meeting.

COAT OF ARMS See page 3.

GRASS CUTTING Mr Boss's quote for 7 cuts in Hempton (£735), and Clifton (£490) was accepted. He is now responsible for all verge cutting within the 30mph Parish limit.

HEMPTON FOOTPATH/CYCLE TRACK still requires work before PC will pay the bill.

HOLLY TREE CLUB 1. Charity Commission has suggested that PC could be formally appointed Custodian Trustee to hold legal title to the property, while the HTC Committee, as Managing Trustees, continued to manage and administer the Charity. The Committee could amend the Constitution to allow a PC representative to be appointed. PC asked the Clerk to establish the precise status of the Council should these suggestions be approved. 2. Rewiring of the premises - Harrison Electrical's quote of £1838 + VAT was accepted.

LOW-COST HOUSING Only 9 application forms have been received so far. [ANYBODY INTERESTED SHOULD PHONE THE PARISH CLERK ON 37447 AT NEW OFFICE IN WINDMILL CENTRE.]

PLANNING AND PROPERTY *1. Plot 3, Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton* - erect 4 bedroomed detached house and garage plus ancillary works. PC objected because of overlooking of existing property. *2. Plots 13-14, The Beeches, Earls Lane* - revised plans: reduced to 3 bed properties with lower roofline. A successful conclusion.

3. Leadenporch Farm - erection of 2 further chicken sheds and ancillary works. PC needs time to take account of public opinion. The issues include - increased traffic on the bridleway and possible detriment to walkers and riders: doubling in size of present operation: dominant position in landscape: increased production involving greater nuisances (smells, traffic etc) to the local population: disposal of litter from the rearing houses: potential pollution problems to water courses: to mention but a few. PC to write holding letter to CDC, pending receipt of comments from parishioners. [IF YOU HAVE VIEWS ON THIS, PLEASE CONTACT PARISH CLERK IMMEDIATELY, FOR CONSIDERATION AT 16 FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.]

WINDMILL CENTRE In addition to the extra sum of £15,900 already authorised, a further £9,800 will be required, which includes £5,000 for anti-condensation insulation to existing roof, £3000 fire-resistant painting of new and existing steelwork and £1,000 for curtains between sports hall and new extension. The multi-use pitch would cost some £41,000, and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts had offered a grant of £18,000 towards it. PC voted 9-0 (4 abstentions) to allocate a further £42,000 of Capital. Cllr Hill stated this should be the last increase in capital expenditure.

GRANTS Playgroup Fencing, Windmill Centre. Two quotes - £5,051 + VAT (Barrett Construction) and £2,854.94 + VAT (REJ Fencing Services). REJ also proposed an alternative scheme at £1,396.54 + VAT which PC accepted by 7 votes to 2.

TRAFFIC CALMING - EARLS LANE - County Engineer's Department wants £1500 to design suitable scheme. PC voted (7-3) to proceed but design costs not to exceed £1000.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS £450,000 at 7.9 percent variable until 27 April 1995:, £262,00 at 4.9375% fixed until end of January 1994: £31,927 at 4.25% on 14 days notice. £11,858 at 2.125% overnight. **TOTAL £755,785.**

PARISH PRECEPT PC voted (8-5) not to levy a precept (for the second year running) so reducing everybody's Council Tax.

BUS TOKENS 1984/5 Those eligible may have £17 of tokens for £1.

DOG LITTER BINS would be emptied free for 1994/5; there would be an annual maintenance cost of £105.70 per bin thereafter.

WAR MEMORIAL Mr R Callow's father objects to the War Memorial being moved from the Churchyard to the Market Place. [TELL THE PARISH COUNCIL WHAT YOU THINK.]

HEMPTON STONEPIT Mr West's rent agreement was renewed and increased to £320.

NEXT MEETING **Wednesday 16 February, 7.30pm, Town Hall.**

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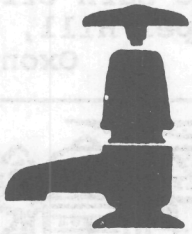

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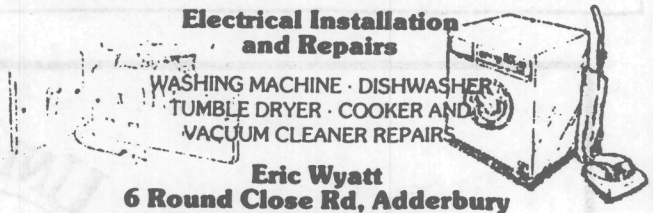

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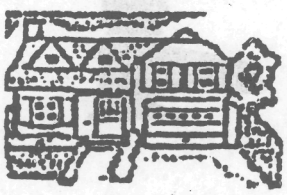

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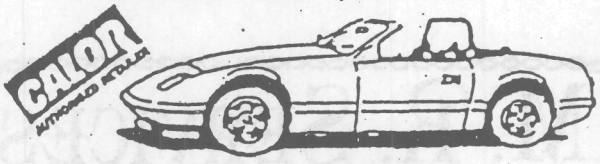

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A GREAT HONOUR AND A GREAT OCCASION

With the authority of the Crown, and on receipt of a Warrant from the Earl Marshal, the Kings of Arms have granted a Coat of Arms, with supporters, to Deddington Parish Council. An illuminated document will be presented at a solemn ceremony in Deddington Parish Church on Saturday, 16 April 1994. Afterwards there will be a Fayre in the Market Place.

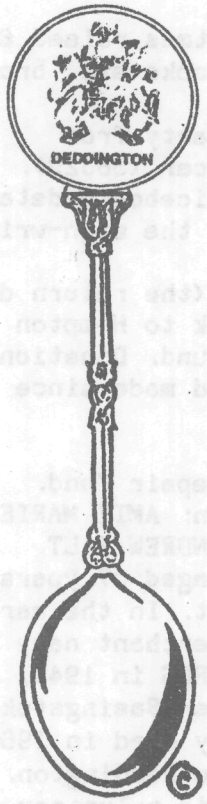
Only six or seven villages have ever been granted arms, and Deddington is the first Parish in all England, other than chartered boroughs, to have supporters granted to its arms.

The arms represent the three manors of the Parish - Castle of Windsor, Duchy and Christ Church - and these are symbolised on the shield by a red cross, a wolf's head and an engrailed cross, all enclosed within a embattled border, signifying a town, enclosed and protected. The crest represents Deddington Castle and a chained eagle symbolises Piers Gaveston who was imprisoned there (or in Castle House). The supporters - an ox on one side of the arms and a horse on the other - represent the market (and also Oxfordshire) and the horsefair respectively. Sheaves of wheat represent local farming.

The motto - *preo on anan gebundene* - is in early English, not Latin, because Deddington was a settlement well before the Norman Conquest. It means *three joined together in one*, which refers to the three manors and also, no doubt, to the three villages of the Parish - Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

[With grateful acknowledgements to John Brooke-Little, CVO, MA, FSA, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, of Steeple Aston.]

TO MARK THE OCCASION.....



Solid silver spoons, topped with the Coat of Arms, will be available in a strictly limited edition, at £22.50 each. If you are interested, please let the Parish Clerk know - telephone 0869 37447.

Bone china half-pint tankards at £7.50 and coasters at £4.50, both colour printed with the Coat of Arms, will be on sale at the Fayre and from Tuckers Country Store.

A replica Coat of Arms will be fixed to the south wall of the Town Hall. The Parish Council is looking for a sponsor or sponsors, whose generosity would be acknowledged beneath the replica. All enquiries to Parish Clerk 0869 37447.

The Fayre, with entertainments, will be organised by Deddington Players. Clubs and others wishing to participate should contact Jim Flux 0869 38153 or Councillor Bowen 0869 38536.

A Souvenir Programme commemorating the presentation ceremony and the Fayre, and reproducing the Coat of Arms in full colour, has already been sponsored by local firms. It will be on sale at £1.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

ST PETER & ST PAUL, DEDDINGTON, AND ST JOHN HEMPTON

SERVICES AT PARISH CHURCH

Sun 6 FEB	10.30am	Family Communion. The Revd David Abel will be coming with a special attraction for the children.
Wed 9	10am	Holy Communion
Sun 13	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 16	ASH WEDNESDAY	8pm Holy Communion **NOTE DIFFERENT TIME OF SERVICE**
Sun 20	8 am	Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Sung Mattins
Wed 23	10am	Holy Communion followed by a short Healing Service
Fri 25	12 noon	Prayers and meditation
Sun 27	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 2 MAR	10am	Holy Communion

SERVICES AT ST JOHN, HEMPTON

Sun 6 FEB 9am Eucharist Sun 20 FEB 9am Eucharist Sun 27 FEB 6pm Evensong

LENT 94 Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 16 Feb, with a Holy Communion service in the Parish Church at 8pm. Following ancient custom, there will be the opportunity for those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance.
At 10.30am services in the Parish Church on Sundays in Lent, special preachers have agreed to come and speak about aspects of our Christian faith:
Sun 20 Feb The Revd Bryan Pettifer, Principal of Oxford Area Christian Training Scheme, will speak about "I believe in God the Father".
Sun 27 Feb The Revd Brian Castle, Vice-Principal of Ripon Theological College, Cuddesdon, will speak about "I believe in God the Son".
Sun 6 March The Rt Revd Peter Walker, former Bishop of Ely, will speak about "I believe in God the Holy Spirit".
TRAIDCRAFT Sunday 13 Feb - Sale of Traidcraft goods in the Parish Church after the 10.30am service. Purchase of these items helps the Third World (see also page 13).
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Sunday 13 February 7.30pm in the room behind Hempton Church. Mr Les Chappell will speak about "Printing" and on Tuesday 22 February members will visit a printing works in Banbury. Thanks to Cllr Ray Barlow for his gift of a dart board, darts and mat.
CHRISTIAN AID The collection box in Deddington Church over Christmas raised £51.03.
HELEN HOUSE in Oxford has expressed thanks for the toys, games, books etc. brought by children to the Christmas Day Family Service.
VISIT TO JORDAN (PETRA) AND MT SINAI The vicar hopes to lead a party from 22-29 October 1994, Cost approx £750. Further details from the Vicar (38329).
CHURCH NOTICEBOARD It is good to see Deddington Church has a noticeboard detailing services, Thanks to Tom Rucker who donated it, to Allan Gibbs for the sign-writing and to George and Chris Fenemore for erecting it.
DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION had raised almost £1,800 by 30 December (the return date). Money collected in Hempton (£77) will be earmarked for repair work to Hempton Church. The rest will be given to Deddington Church Roof Repair Fund. Donations made were greatly appreciated. Thanks too for contributions to the fund made since the return was sent to Cherwell District Council.
THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE raised £190 for the Children's Society.
THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND DRAW raised £1,469 for the Church Roof Repair Fund.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS Baptisms 5 December 1993 in Deddington: AMIE MARIE SALT, GEMMA LOUISE VALE, KARL JAMES VALE, HOLLY DANIELLE SALT, THOMAS ANDREW SALT.
Funerals: 17 December 93 in Deddington EVELYN MARY COLLINSON, aged 87 years.
Evelyn was born in 1906 and spent much of her early life in Dorset. In the early 30s she travelled to Kenya and on the voyage met Harry Collinson, a merchant navy officer, whom she married in Kensington in 1940. She joined the WRNS in 1943. After the war Evelyn and Harry kept a smallholding in North Waltham, near Basingstoke, until Harry retired in the late 50s. They moved to Scotland. Harry died in 1960 and a few years later Evelyn moved back to England and eventually into Deddington. She was one of the Friends of the Radlciffe Infirmary in Oxford and did voluntary work in Banbury's Horton Hospital. She was generous with her time and compassion for others and had an empathy with animals. Until recent years she was a regular worshipper in Deddington Parish Church. Her ashes were interred on 29 December.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL continued

FUNERALS

14 January in Deddington ROSE KATHLEEN SMITH, aged 86 years. Rose was born in 1907 and spent her childhood in London. An older sister was a lay preacher who worked for the Methodist London Mission. Rose also helped and supported this Mission. She remained at home until her mother died. She trained as a children's nurse and was employed in a children's home in Kingsbridge, Devon. She was later employed as a nanny to the children of an army colonel and his wife. In this capacity she travelled with the family to many parts of the world, including Hong Kong, The Lebanon, Cyprus and Holland. When these children were older, she returned to London to work for another family and then nursed an elderly lady at Thenford. Rose came to live in Deddington 17 years ago. She had a sure Christian faith and, except when whe was unwell, attended the Parish Church every Sunday and Wednesday. She was always kind and caring. Her ashes were interred on 26 January.

27 January in Deddington ETHEL EMMA (ENID) MASLIN, aged 80 years. Enid was born in Chelsea. She worked in the fashion trade and, just prior to the last war, for the BBC. During the war she drove ambulances for the Red Cross. After the war she moved to Oxfordshire to help George Risien run the Hopcrofts Holt Hotel. In 1947 they married and had twins, Jennifer and Stuart. The family then moved to Stratford on Avon and later to Eastbourne and then Seaford. She was employed as a buyer for ladies' fashions in a large department store and then opened children's clothes shops in Eastbourne, Lewes and Seaford. In the early 70s Enid moved to Gt Bourton. Here she met John Maslin, a widower, and so began another marriage. They lived in Aynho. Whilst in Gt Bourton she was a beauty consultant with Charles of the Ritz and travelled widely to promote products and give advice. After John's death 8 years ago, Enid returned for a short time to Seaford and then came to Deddington. In earlier days in Seaford she participated in amateur dramatics. She enjoyed playing Bridge, painting in oils, music and reading. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and a cheerful supportive companion to her friends. She attended the Parish Church.

KEN REEVES (Vicar) 38329

7 December 1993 in Deddington ELLA BARCLAY IRVINE. Although Ella was forced to withdraw for some years, through illness, from her normal social involvement, a large and representative number of people attended the Parish Church for her funeral service, when the emphasis was on thanksgiving. Her whole life and personality were so filled with joy, friendliness and humour that the word "bonny" might have been first used to describe her. Her presence anywhere in this community brought a grace and charm that uplifted all who saw her. To see her smile brought a radiance to the day. Ella was filled with compassion, care and concern and she was in constant demand by friends and acquaintances whenever practical help was needed. She gave of herself unsparingly. To her children, Mike Irvine and Maureen Forsyth, and their families, we extend our deepest sympathy.

HEWITT WILSON

SIR BRIAN KELLETT

As we go to press we learn with deep regret that Sir Brian Kellett died on Sunday 30 January. We are sure our readers will join us in offering condolences and sympathy to Lady Kellett and the family. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Brian's life and work in the Parish Church on Saturday, 12 February, at 2.30pm.

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May we take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs Stone for their help over the past years and wish them all the best for the future.

DON DAVIDSON 47072

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Ecumenical House Group meetings will take place in the week beginning 20 February and continue for five weeks. Groups will follow the course "Have Another Look" commended by "Churches Together in England". They will meet as follows.
Monday afternoons at 2.30pm. Two groups - one to meet at 2 Chapel Close, Clifton (Leader: Mrs Hazel Hall, 0869 38596) and another to meet at Cromwell House, Market Place, Deddington (Leader: Pastor Isobel Walton 0869 38024).
Tuesday evenings 7.45pm meeting at 5 New Street, Deddington (Leader: Mrs Gloria Gibbs 0869 38002).
Thursday evenings 7.45pm meeting at Grove House, High Street, Deddington (Leader: Mrs Viviane Hall 0869 38225).
Friday afternoons 2.30pm meeting at 15 Grove Court, Deddington (Leader: Mrs Pauline Ridd 0869 37144).
You are very welcome to join a group and have the opportunity for fellowship, Bible study, prayer and discussion, even if you cannot attend every week. If you intend coming and haven't already indicated this, please tell the Group leader.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS 1993 During the last five weeks of the year we received 24 calls - 1 car fire, 5 chimney fires, 1 bathroom heater on fire, 1 cooker fire, 1 call to overhead power cables on fire, 1 barn fire, 1 small fire at Banbury Moat House, 1 rubbish fire, 1 greenhouse fire, 4 false alarms with good intent, 5 false alarms on automatic systems and 2 calls to stand by at other stations. This brings the year's total to 219, which is 35 fewer than 1992.
FIRE CALLS 1994 The new year has started off quite hectic, with 18 calls in 20 days - 5 chimney fires, 1 fire at Evenley Hall, 1 road traffic accident, 1 bedroom fire, 1 call to flooding, 1 call to East St, Fritwell, when a surge in the electricity mains caused problems in several houses, 1 call to a hoax bomb incident, 5 false alarms with good intent, 1 false alarm electrical defect, and 1 call to stand by at Bicester Fire station.
RECRUITING We are still desperate for more personnel, particularly anyone who could give day cover. Richard Boss has left us, because he no longer lives in the village. Richard Powell has only 12 months to go before he reaches the Fire Service retirement age. Some other station personnel have other things in the pipeline which, should they materialise, could see the station without anyone to respond in the daytime with the exception of Carol Shirley who has been off on medical grounds for some considerable time, but is now about to start on a short re-familiarisation course. So anyone can see we really are desperate for recruits. Perhaps there are men or women who are interested but may think they are not suitable. If this is the case, please come along to see us and let us see if you would be suitable or not.
FIRE HYDRANTS Once again I am alarmed at the number of people who are parking their cars on top of fire hydrants or immediately adjacent to them, rendering them unusable. Hydrants are easily distinguished by the yellow and black marker posts and the hydrant covers themselves are painted yellow. If we were to need to connect up to a hydrant but couldn't because it was obstructed by a vehicle, then valuable minutes could be lost running out hoses to the next nearest hydrant. There are 2 hydrants close to each other which are permanently obstructed, one to the left hand side of the main gate to Castle House in the Bull Ring, and the other in front of the Red Lion. Should we need one of these but were unable to get to it, then the alternatives would be either at the bus stop in the Horsefair or at the bottom end of the large green in front of Cromwell House. So motorists, please look before you park and perhaps the premises where employees come from outside the village, and therefore may not see this report, could display a notice in a prominent place asking their employees to look before they park. Remember, it could be their premises we might require water for.
I finish up my report by saying a big thank you to Norman and Angela Stone, the retiring editors, for a job well done, and the best of luck to Sylvie Spenceley Nickels who has a hard act to follow.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 38943

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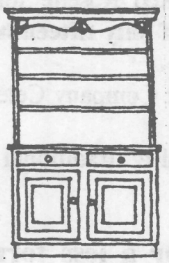

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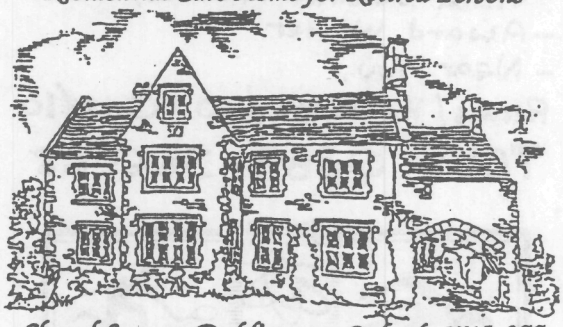

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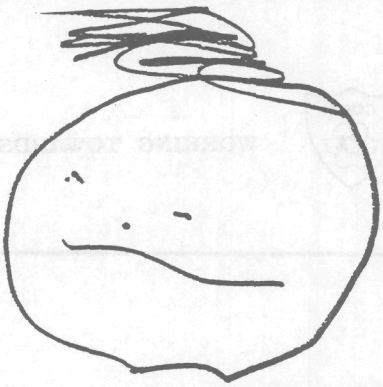

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FROM MRS JOAN ROBINS, CASTLE END, DEDDINGTON
My daughter Catherine and I deeply appreciate the kindness shown to us by so many people: in letters, telephone calls, visits to the house and attendance at the Requiem Mass. Over £450 was raised in Mick's name for the Woman Caring Trust of Northern Ireland. We are grateful for and touched by your generosity. Mick was involved in Deddington life from the day he first came to the village 22 years ago. President of the Bowls Club for 17 years, his works, interests and activities were so many and so diverse that to name them all would fill these pages. We hope you will remember him, as we do, as a gentle man and a merry one.

FROM MRS FRANCES O'NEILL, HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON, AND MICHELE, STELLA, KAREN & FAMILIES
We have been totally overwhelmed by the many kind messages of condolence and floral arrangements that we have received following our recent very sad loss. It has been a great comfort to know so many friends and villagers care. We are extremely grateful to doctors O'Donnell, O'Connor and Ruddock for their continuous care and support during Mike's long illness. Very special thanks to Jean and Tony Brain and Beryl Fisher for their considerable support and assistance. We are all extremely grateful. Thank you.

FROM PEGGY BUSBY, SOUTH VIEW, DEDDINGTON,
Thank you everyone who sent me messages of support on the death of my brother Mike.

FROM JOHN STIFF, COUNTY VIEW, CLIFTON
May I take this opportunity of thanking my friends in the village for their kind messages of support during my recent stay in hospital. These were much appreciated. I am now recovering well and expect to be back in full circulation shortly.

FROM ANGELA WALLER, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON
As your Coordinator of the good Neighbour Group, may I draw your attention to the work of Banbury District Carers and the Rural Carer Group. Once a month Jackie Kyffin, rural worker for Banbury District Carers, will be at Deddington Health Centre. Those caring for someone of any age (children to elderly, and anyone in between), because of illness or disability, are welcome to call in for confidential advice, information and support. If you have any questions on anything to do with caring - benefits, residential care, special equipment - or would just like a chat, please call in. **Next date is Friday 4 March 2-4pm. No appointment needed.**
Another service Jackie offers is to set up and organise a support group in Deddington for monthly get togethers, ideas sharing and mutual support. Relief care can be provided so that carers can come along. If you are interested contact Jackie on 0295 264545, or me. ANGELA WALLER 0869 38970

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AS FROM NEXT MONTH, LETTERS SHOULD GO TO SYLVIE SPENCELEY NICKELS, 26 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON. SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS OF THE NEW TEAM, AND KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMING IN.

CHRISTIAN AID Christopher Hall spent most of last November visiting CHRISTIAN AID Partners in Sri Lanka. He will be talking about Sri Lanka, and showing some of the 200 slides he took, at the Wesleyan Reform Church in Chapel Square on **Monday 14 February** at 8.00 pm. Local people have loyally and generously supported CHRISTIAN AID WEEK over the years. CHRISTIAN AID's Partners would like us to see the work we have made possible as a way of saying *Thank You*. It is not often that there is a chance to see and hear about their work from someone who has seen it at first hand. Sri Lanka has received virtually no attention recently from the world's media. For that reason Christopher is calling his talk: *"Sri Lanka - a neglected people"*. The two of us have taken over from John Scott the role of local co-ordinators for CHRISTIAN AID.

Elizabeth Handley 37243; Janet Pratt 37164

THE WAY WE WERE

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of February 1844.

5TH FEBRUARY Holford & Willy went by coach to Banbury and walked back. I sent for the shepherd to reprimand him for coming home from Banbury Market on Thursday last very tipsy.

6TH FEBRUARY Wrote to our friend Lord Eldon congratulating him on his speech the other day in moving the address in the house of Lords to the Queen on the opening of Parliament. Wrote about getting Johnny into Marlborough School with his brother. We heard from our darling Betsie - she mentioned having seen our dear little Bobby and she was sorry to say he did not like school.

7TH FEBRUARY I started from home for Marlborough School with Willy, he was very dull poor little fellow and wept a good deal.

8TH FEBRUARY Holford went to school today, to Mr Faithful's of Lower Heyford.

19TH FEBRUARY Attended a meeting of the Turnpike Trustees at the Fox Inn, North Aston. Wrote an order for a man from Clifton to go to the Infirmary, Oxford, as an Inpatient on my recommendation.

29TH FEBRUARY Went up to Mr Field's office [the solicitor] this evening to hear a case of felony against a man from Ledwell for stealing an old fashioned mahogany tea caddy containing nearly £20 in silver besides some copper, committed him for trial at the Assizes next week. The wife of the man was the thief in the first instance, but he afterwards hid the caddy in a ditch in a field under some bricks. In a moment of remorse he confessed this to the policeman, who went with the owners of the stolen caddy and found it as the prisoner had directed them they would, empty and broken open.

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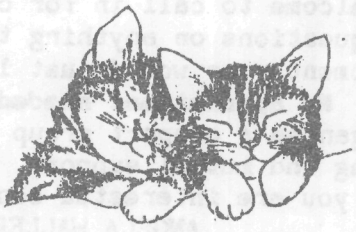

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Banbury (Bus Station)	1055arr	1335dep

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1.25 1.25 1.24 Banbury

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

I am sorry we did not get around to sing Carols before Christmas. Nine of us turned up, but regretfully decided that the weather was much too wet and windy. Better luck next year! The pantomime in the reopened Windmill Centre was both affordable and highly enjoyable. Congratulations to all concerned! Most of us appreciate our new footpath, especially since Snakehill has become so very muddy in this wet weather. Dog walkers, in particular, have been glad to use the new path instead. In this they are increasingly joined by people from Deddington. The benefits can only increase as the bulbs and horse chestnuts flower and make this one of the nicest level walks around - for the elderly especially, of both the canine and human species.

Percentages and other statistics relating to many topics are very much in the news these days. Here are a few more for you. In 1988 there were requests from 37 households in Hempton for a Family Service at St John's, 28 stating that they would prefer an Evening service. We have since had one, regularly, at 6pm on the fourth Sunday in each month, But where are you all? We cannot expect the Church to remain open indefinitely if the congregation dwindles away.

NAN HARRIS 38039

CALLING CLIFTON

Our efforts to find a regular correspondent to report the happenings, hopes - and moans - of Clifton readers have so far dismally failed. Anyone in Clifton who would like to follow Hempton's good example in contributing a monthly report to the DEDDINGTON NEWS, please contact Sylvie Spenceley Nickels on 38995.

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NOTES

(1) In special cases to be approved by the Charity Commissioners persons who do not possess the prescribed qualification as to residence may be appointed if otherwise qualified.

(2) Residents may be required to contribute a weekly sum towards the cost of maintaining the Almshouses of the Charity and the services therein.

DEDDINGTON SCHOOL

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE The Governors are making plans for the coming financial year. It is a complex business but after half term they should be in a position to explain their intentions on staffing and on developing the buildings.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL - new entrants. Whether parents already have a child here or not, we need a completed application for every child who will be 5 between 1 September 1994 and 31 August 1995. The Governors' policy is that they would not want to have to refuse a place to any chld who lives within the parish of Deddington or Barford, so the sooner you tell us the better. Please do not leave it until the Summer term. If you want your child to start at Deddington School, we need your application early.

CROSSING PATROL Someone is needed to stand in for Mrs Churchill when she is on holiday. Anybody interested, please contact me.

TESCO COMPUTERS Those of you who helped collect Tesco tokens, which were pooled within the Partnership, will be pleased to know that another 6 computers were bought, to add to the 3 from last year. The full set will move between schools in a travelling roadshow. We will soon have them for 3 weeks.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP meets in the School Hall on Wednesdays, 1.15pm-2.45pm. All mums & toddlers welcome.

JOHN MOFFITT 38430

MORE ABOUT DEDDINGTON SCHOOL

by Maureen Dew

If you have followed the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley, you will know that in 1844 he dispatched his `darling Betsie' and `dear little Bobby' to be educated near Brighton.

In fact there is a long tradition of schooling in Deddington, and for the benefit of new families, here is an extract from school records.

In the reign of Edward VI (1547-53) the Royal Commissioners reported that *The Towne of Deddington is parcell of the Duchie of Lancastre. The said William Burton ys a good scholemaster and Bryngyth up yough very well in learning.*

Shortly afterwards, Sir Thomas Pope proposed to establish a Free School here, and in 1555 made an agreement with Trinity College to provide a Schoolmaster and Usher for it, who would teach *Gramer & humanitie.*

More than a hundred years later, in 1672, there was a school opened in the Church on 15 February, wherein William Kumpster, Parish Clerk, was to be schoolmaster. In 1730 it was reported that there was a school provided at private expense to take sixteen boys and sixteen girls. In 1814 a National Society of Deddington was formed, and in October of that year two schools were opened, for forty boys and forty girls. By 1851 expansion was needed, and Dr Wilson of Worton (he was also instrumental in the building of the Church at Hempton, and was later first Bishop of Calcutta) gave a site for a new school. This proved unsuitable, and it was sold for £85 and the money put towards building the present school on a site given by Mr W C Cartwright. The foundation stone was laid on 10 March 1853, and the school opened on 6 January 1854.

Note the past lack of bias in pupil numbers: childhood liberty was equally redirected to the fraternity of the hard school bench.

The core of the present school building was 140 years old this January. The school looks in good shape and the playground, scattered with scarlet uniform jumpers, offers a cheerful sight at break times. Headmaster John Moffitt and team continue a sound tradition.

This term the roll is almost at capacity with 73 boys and 66 girls sharing a commensense curriculum. Maximum numbers will be reached in the summer term.

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Come on all you under 16s, have a go at this W O R D S E A R C H.

FIND 10 CHART TOPPERS. Answers next month.

Tune in next month for another B R A I N T E A S E R.

Have you any ideas for what you would like to see in this space?

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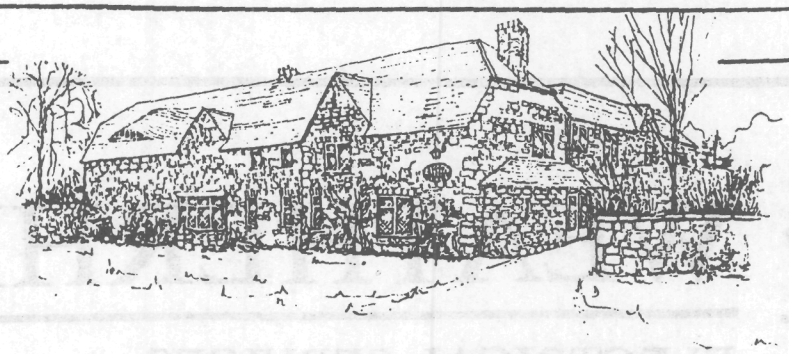

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GOODBYE, THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Before handing over to our successors, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the people involved with the News since we became editors in February 1987. Marianne Elsley was editor before us, then Treasurer and now Clubs Editor. Sylvia Cannell was Treasurer before Marianne, and Buffy Heywood is now in that post. We are grateful to Our many advertisers - the magazine depends on them for its very existence - and to our advertising managers: John Cressewell, then Roy Berridge, now Christine Blythe. Roy who designs our occasional ads was at one time our duplicator operator, following Pam de Syllas on the Gestetner; Ruth Johnson and Jo Mace now work the amazing Ricoh machine which was kindly financed by the Parish Council. In pre-wordprocessing days, Freda Ivings, Joyce Minnear and Vivien Bryant did much of the typing. Professionals Ken Langstaff and Mike Maskery have been (still are) in charge of cover design and ad. page printing respectively. Collating and distribution have always been labour intensive. Gill Selwood and Pam DeSyllas were in charge at first. Since then the jobs have been handled by Christine Blythe, Angela Stone, Alison Brice and Pat Brittain, plus a host of willing hands including many schoolchildren past and present. The school has been so helpful throughout - first John Morgan, then Lynne Stevens and now John Moffitt - making space available for printing, collating and distribution and storage, month after month. Club secretaries, letter writers, poets, historians and other authors - we wish we could name everybody.

We are grateful to each and every one: but chiefly yourselves, our readers. We are sure you would want us to convey your good wishes to the 'new' editorial, management and production group, many of whom will be continuing as before. They are full of enthusiasm and anxious to get to grips with next month's issue. If they have anything like the support and encouragement we have enjoyed, they will be off to a flying start.

ANGELA AND NORMAN STONE

From now on, all contributors are asked to deliver editorial copy to the new

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"BABES IN THE WOOD", WINDMILL CENTRE, 20-22 JANUARY

For the 50 or so names on the programme of *Babes in the Wood* there can be nothing but praise for all their dedication and skill. The annual Pantomime provides such a wonderful chance for people of all ages to participate (on and off stage) in what has become one of the major Community activities of the village year. Great credit is due to Molly Neild and Jean Flux, the creators of the witty and ingenious script. For Jean too, as Director, not only were inventiveness and imagination required in abundance, but also a talent for organisation and a vast amount of time

There was no doubt that the Friday night audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves. For myself, I think the overriding pleasure was visual; the sets were a delight to the eye and remarkably versatile. The transformations took place smoothly and efficiently and were greatly enhanced by expert lighting. The costumes too were beautifully conceived and greatly enhanced by the clever make-up that included some nicely discriminating touches, while the props were works of art.

All the principals performed exceedingly well, and it would be invidious to name names. So many people were involved and their efforts were marvellously integrated, but I must single out the children who in their various guises succeeded so well in conveying the spirit of delight and infected us with the relish they took in dancing, clapping, stamping and singing their heads off. What lingers most fondly in my memory is the charming interlude when they fluttered around the sleeping couple and cast protective leaves upon them.

The other real star of the evening for me was Buttercup, the cow. At the cost of what must have amounted to a double dose of personal discomfort, absolute unity was achieved in presenting a character perfectly co-ordinated and expressive of true bovine affability. Even Fidelia, the dog - a real one - could do no more!
We were lucky to have such talented musicians to call upon; their polished performance was clearly the result of a great deal of careful rehearsal and to them the excellent singers could confidently look for support and inspiration.

So we are very grateful indeed to the Deddington Players for giving us another good night out in the newly extended and improved (in the nick of time!) Windmill Centre. Our message to them all is thanks again - and we are very much looking forward to next year's show. [OH, YES WE ARE! - EDS]

THIS REVIEW WAS WRITTEN BY A CERTAIN *PHIL COTE* WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, SHARES A HOUSE WITH MARIANNE ELSLEY.

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May I thank the Editors of The Deddington News for the publicity they gave to the Ringers for the Handbell ringing over the Christmas period, and also for the additional ringers required for the Tower bells. The Handbell ringing was a great success, at seven different parties, in five different villages. The total money received for the Belfry Fund was £273.28, for which I thank all the people who so kindly invited us into their homes, and those who gave so generously.

Tower Bells

At the moment, 12 of us ring the Church bells, and I am very pleased and most grateful to all my fellow ringers who rang over the Christmas period, including ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in. My only disappointment was being able to ring only 7 bells, and not all 8. For the previous two years we were not able to ring in the New Year (1 person per bell) so it was quite a big improvement. So now in 1994 let us make a grand effort to be able to ring all 8 bells at all times. If you would like to come and see what happens, do please come up to the Belfry any Monday evening, 7.30-9pm (not Bank Holidays) or phone Bill or Freda Ivings on 38513. You may be very pleasantly surprised at the comfort and warmth of the belfry, and how wonderfully friendly bell ringers are. BILL IVINGS Tower Captain.

D I A R Y S E R V I C E

A new DEDDINGTON NEWS service is being offered by our Diary Editor, Jean Flux, to reduce clashing dates for local events. In future you can check with her to see if YOUR chosen date coincides with another happening. The effectiveness of this service depends, of course, on the amount of advance information made available - in other words, it's up to YOU. Further information from Jean Flux 38153.

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ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

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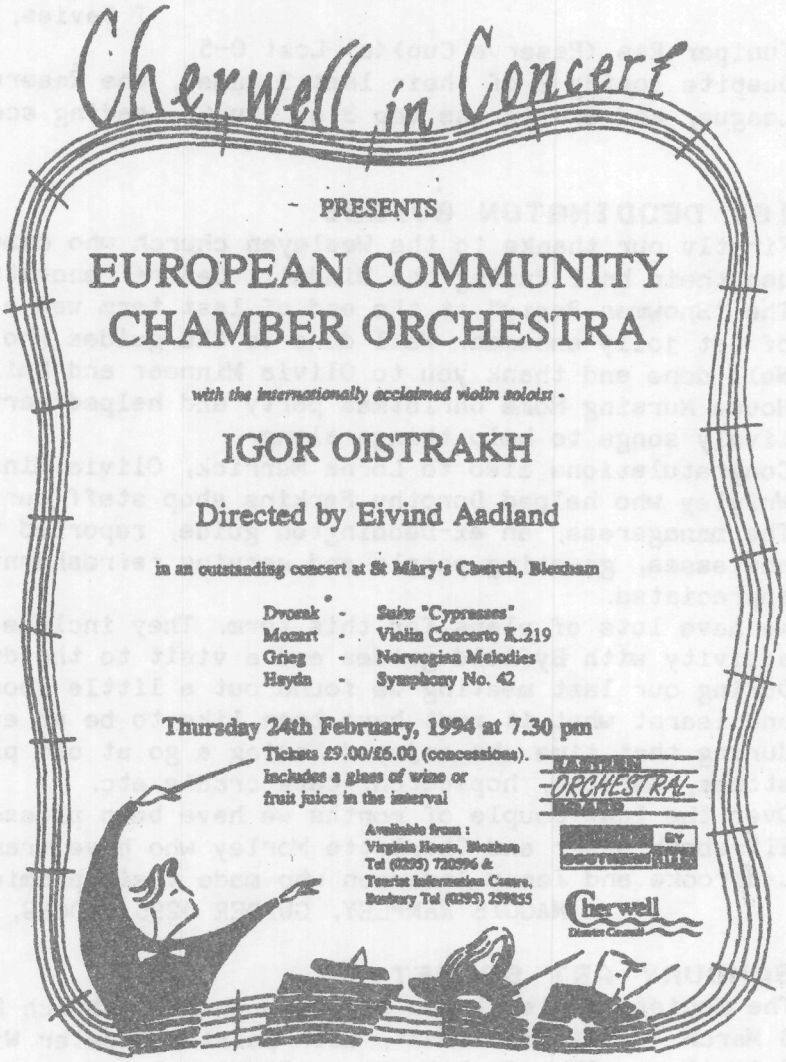
ROSEMARY ARNOLD 38391



CALLING ALL CLUBS - - - Part 1

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday Team Results

Barford Res (Guardian Cup)(h)	Lost	0-1	
Bishops Itchington Res (h)	Lost	0-1	
Kings Sutton Res (h)	Won	4-1	D Cowley (2), P Waller, M Downing

The Saturday Side has a new manager. John Keys, who has managed the side before, has taken over from Jason Timmb. Jason, however, will assist John in his managerial duties and continue to play for the side, which occupies 3rd from bottom in League Div 2. An improvement in playing has been seen. Dave Cowley scored two excellent goals in the Kings Sutton match.

Sunday Team Results

Juniper (John Wood Cup) (h)	Lost	3-4 (a.e.t.)	N Coles, G Pearce (2)
Town Furze (Sam Waters Cup) (a)	Won	3-1	G Harrison, N Coles, M Springall
Unicorn Sports (Hartwells Cup) (h)	Won	10-0	N Coles (4), C Hill (3), D Risato, C Doggett, G Harrison
6 Bells Kidl'tn (S Waters Cup) (h)	Won	2-1	C Stratford, C Hill
Red Lion M Cheney (Norbar) (a)	Won	4-2	C Hill (2), M Springall, OG

The Sunday Side has been heavily involved in Cup action, continuing to march through the rounds of the *Sam Waters Cup*, the county's premier Knockout competition. We are in the last 8 and are still top of Div 4, with a 100% record. Top scorers: Matthew Springall 22; Neil Coles 19.

Sunday Reserve Team Results

Horse & Groom (a)	Lost	0-3	
Chipping Norton Res (h)	Won	11-0	K Mitchell (2), M Doggett (2), G Pinfold, A Smith, P Gibbs, M Smith, J Davies, P Waller, A Boswell
Juniper Res (Reserve Cup)(a)	Lost	0-5	

Despite losing 2 of their last 3 games, the Reserves continue to ride high in the League, and are in the top 3 of Div 6. Leading scorer is Kelvin Mitchell on 17.

STEVE PLUMBE 38512

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Firstly our thanks to the Wesleyan church who came to our rescue and allowed us to use their hall during the Windmill Centre renovations; but it's nice to be back!
The "Snowman Party" at the end of last term was a great success, the room was full of fat jolly snowmen. Well done to the guides who organised the games.
Well done and thank you to Olivia Minnear and Emily Cox who attended the Wardington House Nursing Home Christmas party and helped serve teas. They also sang some lively songs to help things along.
Congratulations also to Lorna Merrick, Olivia Minnear, Emma Williams and Danielle Wrigley who helped Dorothy Perkins shop staff during Christmas late-night shopping. The manageress, an ex-Deddington guide, reported that they were marvellous hostesses, greeting people and serving refreshments Their help was greatly appreciated.
We have lots of plans for this term. They include a pet show, a concert, a joint activity with Byfield guides and a visit to the dri-ski slope.
During our last meeting we found out a little about life in Britain during the war and learnt what it must have been like to be an evacuee and a child at school during that time. We enjoyed having a go at old playground games - skipping, five-stones, marbles, hopscotch, cats cradle etc.
Over the last couple of months we have been pleased to welcome Helen Anderson, Elizabeth Alder and Charlotte Morley who have transferred to this village, and Amy Ladbrooke and Jenny Anderson who made their promises.

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MAUREEN DEW 38951

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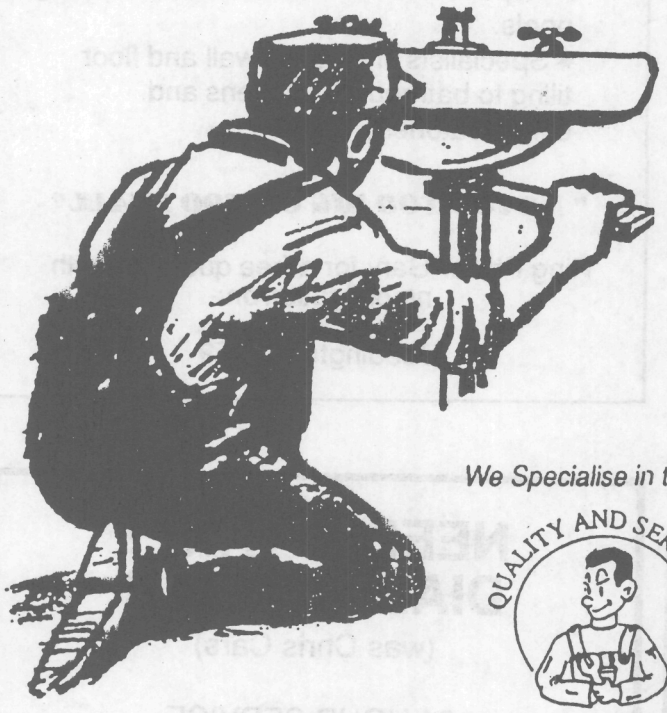

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Merlin Pennink has kindly offered to set up a special visit to the Oxford Botanical Gardens and the date has now been agreed with the Curator. It will be Saturday, 18 June, and we hope to take four cars over to Oxford. Please let me know, as soon as you can, if you would like to come, so that we can organise transport. As an extra treat we have been invited to see the Warden's Garden at New College afterwards and to have tea there. We need to know how many.
At our last meeting some interest was shown in a joint outing to the Saville Gardens at Windsor, possibly during a weekday in June. Please let Betty Hill know if you are interested, so that arrangements can be made. ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Our November cake stall made £54.75 in spite of it being a cold wintery morning. Thank you to the Red Lion for providing coffee and to everyone who made and bought cakes. The Christmas party was a great success. Our thanks to Di Keats for letting us use the British Legion hall, and to Father Christmas for visiting us. We have said goodbye to Daniel Corner, Sam Thornton, Matthew Sprott, Lucy Archer and Kate Garrett and wish them luck at Primary School. We welcome Thomas Morton, Oliver Bouchier, Lucy Thornton, Rebecca Welford and Richard Cox.
DIARY CAKE STALLS in the Market Place on Saturday 5 March and Saturday 11 June, both beginning at 10am. Look out for posters nearer the time.
Need some new clothes for the summer? Come to our **FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW** on Wednesday, 13 April, 8pm, Primary School. Tickets £2.50 from me, and from Karen Robertson, June Scott, Diane Woodman and committee members. The clothes are very reasonably priced. Refreshments and raffle. TRACY ROGERS 38726

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

Last term six new people joined the pack: Hannah Richards, Caroline White, Victoria Risato, Olivia Coradi, Natalie Morley-Sutcliffe and Jenny Rogers from Shutford. They all made their promise to become full members. We said farewell to Clare Hope and to Sally Wilson who joined the Guides.
Owing to the closure of the Windmill Centre all meetings were held at my house, which sounded a good idea, but in practice proved a strain. No house is big enough for 24 Brownies to play games in. However, everybody was very patient and well behaved, so we managed.
The first part of last term was spent with work for the completion of the Brownies' Journey badges. After half term we concentrated on two plays; "A Bowl of Mist" and "Only a Wooden Donkey", the first being rehearsed in the kitchen and the other in the hall. We gave two performances, one to the residents of Featherton House, where we were made most welcome with refreshments afterwards, and the other to friends and parents at Deddington School. I was most grateful to Mr Moffitt for the use of the school hall. I think the performances went very well. During the term there was a competition based on a points system which was won by Lucy Bignold as best Brownie and the Gnomes as the best Six.
This term we are back at the Windmill Centre. Scarlett Hampton and Laura Hackett have joined us, Mrs James and Mrs White continue to help. I am most grateful to them. Mrs Pam Dancer has decided to leave after more than ten years of loyal help and support and I would dearly love someone else to come and take her place. It is not a difficult job, hard work at times but very rewarding. Do think about it.
I had hoped to start a Rainbow group for 5-7year olds, and although there has been plenty of interest and offers of help, it needs somebody (aged between 18 and 65) to actually run the group. Another thought?
Finally, are you between 14 and 25? Do you know that there is a Ranger Guide unit meeting fortnightly at the Windmill? Lots of opportunity to do adventurous things and take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, if you want. Contact Mrs Barbara Coles on 0295 811749 for details. VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 38269

CALLING ALL CLUBS - - - Part 3

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The first talk of 1994 was given by Mr Rowling of Culworth Forge who provided members with a fascinating account of his work as a farrier. (He preferred to call himself a "shoesmith".) He showed us some of the tools of his trade and ended his talk with music played on a set of horseshoes. On 26 January, policemen Dave Keats and Alan Rampley gave us an informative and amusing presentation on the history of the local police force and on security.

Meetings are held fortnightly on Wednesdays at the Windmill Centre, at 2.30pm. Visitors and new members are welcome.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS: 9 February - Mrs Newman on "Stepping Stones", 23 February - Marianne Elsley on Nursing during the War.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs Enid Maslin, a founder member.

PAT BRITTAIN 38685

DEDDINGTON WI

We had a very successful Christmas party on 14 December and our thanks to all those members who helped. There was a delicious selection of salads, puddings and mince pies, all made and brought by volunteers. The games were organised by Jean Perree and we failed yet again to distinguish ourselves in the matter of passing oranges along a row of legs! The carols were played by Betty Caporn; we thank Jean and Betty for their co-operation and enthusiasm.

My own special thanks to Freda Ivings for her invaluable help and support and to Bill who so uncomplainingly carts trestle tables around for us. Without them we would be in a real mess. Freda has decided to have a year off from the WI. We shall miss her like anything; she is always the one to step in with help and she knows all the ins and outs of the movement. We trust that she will be back, as she has promised, and in the meantime all the members past and present thank her for all her kindness, encouragement and hard work.

We are very sorry that the January meeting had to be cancelled, The HTC was being repaired and the Windmill was not ready for use. But members please note: the next meeting will be on 8 February, 7.30pm at the WINDMILL CENTRE, and we will have our Mini-Auction at the 8 March meeting.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

We have been very busy with the Pantomime over the last two months. The stage is now back in storage and the hall of the Windmill clear. The director is in possession of one brightly coloured sock left behind in the dressing room. Would the owner please ring 38153 to have it returned to useful life. About 450 people came to see our efforts, so we feel that the new improved Windmill premises were inaugurated with suitable enthusiasm. Part of our set building operation this year included the provision and fixing of permanent beams strong enough to support lights and scenery safely. This gift from Deddington Players to the village will make our own lives easier in future years and also, we hope, add to the facilities available to other groups using the hall.

The *Babes in The Wood* was not the only pantomime to occupy our time since the last edition of the *News*. The Players arranged a block booking for children from the school to go the Oxford Playhouse production of Cinderella, in December. Three members of the committee and the Headmaster went with the coach party to a matinee. If the volume of response every time the audience was invited to interact with the stage was any indication, a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Special arrangements had been made by Jim Flux for the party to go up onstage and be given a glimpse of the theatre from the other side of the footlights. One lucky party was shown the secret of how mice were made to run across the floor of Cinderella's kitchen and another group met Buttons and had a brief chat with him. We hope that one or two of those given this experience may be encouraged to come along to auditions next time the opportunity arises.

JEAN FLUX 38153

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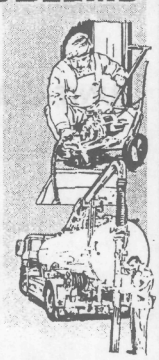

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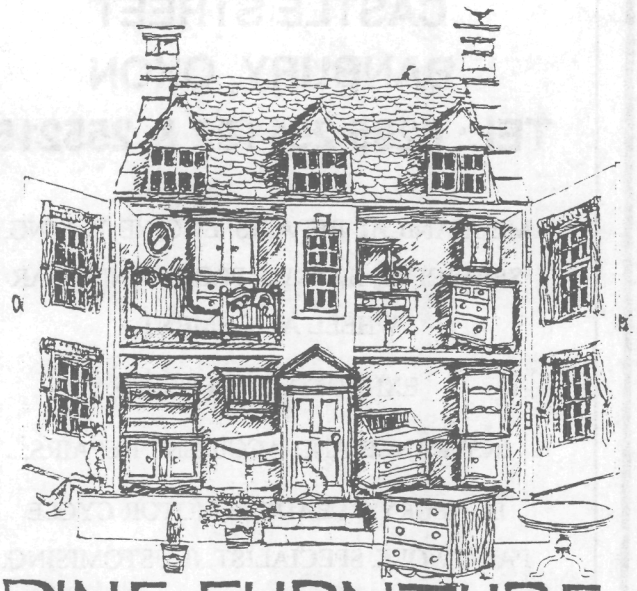

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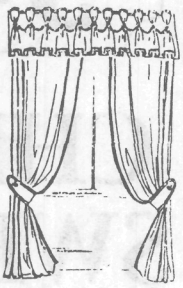

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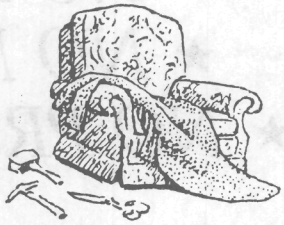

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